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<b>In the Matter of Standard</b>	)	
<b>Forms of Pleadings for</b>	)	<b>Order</b>
<b>Small Claims Actions—Chapter 3</b>	)	
<b>of the Iowa Court Rules—Form</b>	)	
<b>3.27: Verification of Account</b>	)	

Iowa Code section 631.15 (2011) expressly provides, in part: “The supreme court shall prescribe standard forms of pleadings to be used in small claims actions. Standard forms promulgated by the supreme court shall be the exclusive forms used.” In May of this year, the supreme court approved a new set of small claims forms to be used exclusively beginning July 1, 2012. Among the new forms was Form 3.27: Verification of Account, Identification of Judgment Debtor, and Certificate of Re Military Service, which included a website address for the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)—the sole source of the Department of Veterans Affairs for checking the military status of service members. Since adoption of this form, however, the Department of Veterans Affairs has discontinued use of that website address and established a new address at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/scra/scraHome.do>. The DMDC website now requires the name and social security number or the name and date of birth to determine the military status of a defendant.

In addition, the current Form 3.27 has proved to be unwieldy in those cases in which there is more than one defendant. To simplify the form and limit it to a one-page document, the form has been revised so it is for one defendant only. A separate form must be filed for each defendant in multi-defendant matters. There is space in the right side of the caption to identify the defendant to whom the form relates.

Finally, former paragraph 4 identifying the military status of defendant is re-numbered paragraph 3 and now provides three options for the filer to

indicate the military status of defendant. Option "A" indicates defendant is not in the military service of the United States government and provides three methods for verifying that information. Option "B," consistent with the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, allows the filer to certify that upon investigation the filer is unable to determine whether or not defendant is in military service. Option "C" allows the filer to indicate affirmatively, when appropriate, that defendant is in the military service of the United States government.

The revised Form 3.27: Verification of Account, Identification of Judgment Debtor, and Certificate of Re Military Service shall **take effect immediately**. Until October 15, 2012, however, parties may use either the current Form 3.27 now in place in Chapter 3 of the Iowa Court Rules or the new Form 3.27 released with this Order. Effective **October 15, 2012**, the court rescinds Form 3.27 of the Iowa Court Rules, Standard Forms of Pleadings for Small Claims Actions, and adopts the revised Form 3 attached to this Order. Beginning October 15, 2012, the new pleadings form released with this Order shall be used exclusively pursuant to Iowa Code section 631.15.

Dated this 12 day of September, 2012.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By Mark S. Cady  
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice